

Board of Public Education and Office of Public Instruction

Chapter 55 Joint Task Force

Work Session Expected Outcomes Summary – July 27, 2011

Purpose

To review and revise the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 10.55 Standards of Accreditation to align the standards with current innovative practice providing flexibility and ensuring quality education and accountability.

Charge

The Chapter 55 Joint Task Force shall provide to the state Superintendent and the BPE recommendations for amendments to ARM 10.55. Recommended amendments to ARM will comply with MAPA rules for public hearing.

By Wednesday afternoon, July 27, the Chapter 55 Joint Task Force will:

1. Based on the major points presented by the PBA work group, refine Montana's PBA model;

During the July work session, Dennis Parman proposed Administrative Rules of Montana Performance Based Accreditation (PBA) categorical criteria and status measures scoring guide of the model. Deputy Parman provided examples of the PBA model using specific school accreditation and assessment data. The PBA model will use green, yellow, and red to represent accreditation status. Green indicates a school meets the accreditation standards; red indicates areas of concern. As the Task Force continues to refine the PBA model, several concepts will need agreement/consensus. A few of these concepts include:

- **Should Progress Areas be reported for schools at the Adequate or lower performance level?**
- **How should 'cut offs' be calculated by grade level and how often?**
- **Are the ARM categorical criteria appropriate?**

2. Share understanding of the impact of Montana's PBA Model on the accreditation process; and

Based on individual and small group work, the task force responded to the following questions:



When I think of the proposed PBA Model, I am/have

- 1. Excited about ...**
- 2. Concerned about ...**
- 3. Additional thoughts ...**

Deputy Parman facilitated discussion on the impact of the PBA model on the accreditation process. The individual and small group responses were categorized and posted on the Task Force Webpage.

3. Refine draft rule language as proposed during Phase I.

For review and comment, the Chapter 55 draft rule language is posted to the Task Force Website.

- September 13-14 Location – Red Lion Colonial Inn Hotel**
- October 12-13 Location – Holiday Inn Downtown**

